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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventors : Eric Raust et al.  
Serial No. : 09/517,813  
Filing Date : March 02, 2000  
Title : METHOD FOR RANDOM ACCESS COMMUNICATION  
USING SUBBANDING AND VARIABLE LENGTH  
MESSAGES  
Group Art Unit : 2684  
Examiner : Nick Corsaro

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October 1, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This response is being filed in connection with the Office Action of April 1, 2004 in the above application, a three (3) month response for which is set for July 1, 2004. Filed concurrently herewith are the Request for Continuing Examination and Petition for an Extension of Time, extending the period for response until October 1, 2004 and a corresponding extension fee. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is timely filed. In response to the Office Action of April 1, 2004, kindly amend the